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Letter dated 27 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General*

I have the honour to enclose herewith a comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, dated 25 September 2017, on the Moscow City Court's decision in the case of Roman Sushchenko, who is illegally detained in Russia (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c), and of the Security Council.

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Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the Moscow City Court's decision in the case of Roman Sushchenko, who is illegally detained in Russia

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its strong protest with regard to the Moscow City Court's decision as of September 25, 2017, on the two months extension of detention of Ukrainian journalist Roman Sushchenko, who is illegally detained in Russia under the fabricated charges.

The unjustified detention of Ukrainian journalist in the Russian Federation under politically motivated charges of espionage is yet another proof of the absence of a justice system and the right to a fair trial in this country.

We call on the international community, international human rights institutions to take all possible legal, political and economic measures to release and return to Ukraine its citizens, who are illegally detained on the territory of Russia under fabricated, politically motivated charges.